

APPROVED

**Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Advisory Committee
January 24, 2008**

Members present: Harry Beyer, Gerry Boyle, Elissa Brown, Jim Coutre, Dinny McIntyre, Ken Miller, Barbara Pike, Andrea Siani, Jim Terry

Members absent: none

Others present: Marcia Rasmussen and a number of citizens

Motions:

To accept minutes, as amended, from January 17, 2008: moved, seconded and approved 9-0.

Discussions:

The White Pond Advisory Committee (WPAC) will meet with Denise Morrissey to discuss people management plans at Walden Pond. Andrea will attend and report back.

The ANRAD has been continued.

The current draft of the WPAC People Management plan was discussed. Andrea presented the comments on the plan from the subcommittee meeting (Andrea, Harry, and Barbara).

The culvert under Powder Mill Road was discussed.

Elissa reported that Jim Shuris said that it would not be necessary to close the road if the Town decides to replace the existing tube.

Elissa also reported that the police safety officer felt that the existing tube provided sufficient access for an ATV or motorcycle for emergencies on the trail.

Action items regarding the culvert:

Elissa will ask the Fire Department if the existing tube would be sufficient for emergency access for the FD.

Elissa will ask Town Engineering Dept. to estimate the remaining life of the existing tube.

Marcia will ask VHB about the safety of the existing tube.

Marcia will contact Danny O'Brien to ask about any similar tubes that were used on the Cape Cod Rail Trail.

Question was raised about whether or not rails and ties along the entire corridor in Concord would be removed at the same time. This will be decided at a later stage of planning.

Marcia has contacted Jeff Quick, Land Resources at the Dept. of Corrections, concerning the roadway being used near the prison that appears to be on the trail ROW. Further clarification is needed regarding ownership and usage of this road.

The August plans from VHB were discussed briefly. Marcia will send out a guide to the plans, if she has one.

Future schedule:

January 31, draft 25% design due from VHB. It will be available at the Planning Department and both libraries.

Feb. 7, 7:30 am: BFRTAC meeting. VHB will attend to explain their recommendations

Feb. 12, 7:30 pm, Harvey Wheeler: Public Information Meeting for 25% Design

JimC will take minutes.

Feb. 14, 7:30 am: BFRTAC meeting

Feb. 14, 9 am: subcommittee (Elissa, Ken, JimC, Andrea, and Gerry) will meet to compile a draft set of comments for VHB on the 25% design

Feb. 21, 7:30 am: BFRTAC will finalize comments to VHB

Citizen comments: Julie Melbin, Jane Coutre, Judy LaRocca, Jill Appel, Peter Flynn, Lydia Rogers

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 am.